cession in some cases, higher cost, power shortage and frequent breakdowns.

The steps taken by Government to overcome these problems include modernisation and rehabilitation of plant and equipment, technology up-gradation, regular monitoring of performance, re-deployment and rationalisation of surplus manpower, training and retraining of personnel and adoption of various cost control measures.

Expansion of Rupnarayanpur unit of Hindustan Cable

913. DR R K. PODDAR :
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Govt's consideration for the expansion of Hindustan Cable's Rupnarayanpur Unit in West Bengal,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) . (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for expansion of capacity by 18 lakh Conductor Kilometers (CKM) for manufacture of Jelly Filled Cables in Rupnarayanpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Ltd. was earlier considered by the Govt. but was deferred pending finalisation of targets for telecommunication projections for 7th Plan. However, owing to demand as also resource constraints no further progress could be made so far Meanwhile, the company has been advised to revise the cost estimates of the project.

(c) Does not arise.

Rationalisation of work force in Public Sector Enterprises

914. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI M A. BABY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether public sector enterprises have been asked to prepare schemes for the rationalisation of their work force;

(b) if so, what is the response from the units, and

(c) by when the schemes are likely to be made public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Rationalisation work force in Public Sector Undertakings is a Management function of the concerned Public Sector Undertakings. No specific instructions were issued in this regard to the Public Sector Undertakings

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closing down of paper mills

915. SHRI SURESH KALMADI . Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of paper mills have been closed down for varying periods due to shortage of forest based raw materials, erratic movement of coal supplies, etc. during the last one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of paper mills were unable to sell their entire production resulting in growing accumulation of stocks; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation with a view to meeting the long term and immediate requirements of paper industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) No specific reports about the closure of paper mills during the year for reasons of shortage of forest raw material or non-availability of coal have been received.

(b) The production of paper and paperboard in the country has been showing an upward trend in recent years This has led to easy availability of paper and competitive conditions in the market The current level of production of paper and paperboard in the country more or less matches consumption

(c) In order to enable the paper industry to overcome the problem of raw material availability, the facility of import of pulp, waste paper, wood chips and wood logs under OGL was extended to the industry. Excise concessions have been granted for use of non-conventional raw materials, including bagasse. Efforts are also made to ensure that the industry gets its normal requirement of coal for maintaining production Full flexibility has been allowed to the industry to take up manufacture of any variety of paper and paper grade pulp including paper/straw board within the licensed capacity in line with the market demand.

Industries in backward areas in Bihar

916 SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to set up Industries in backward areas;

(b) if so, when this decision was taken;

(c) the number of licences issued to set up industries in Bihar after this decision was taken;

(d) the names of districts in Bihar which have been declared as backward; and

(e) what are the details of the industries proposed to be set up in each such district ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Industrialisation of specific areas is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government have however, been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by providing various concessions and incentives for setting up industries in backward areas.

(c) A total number of 62 industrial licences were issued during the years 1984 to 1987 (upto September) for setting up of industries in Bihar Of these, 12 licences were specifically for location of units in centrally declared industrially backward areas of the State

(d) 17 districts in Bihar have been declared as industrially backward. The names of these districts are given in the Booklet on "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas (Central Government and Central Financial Institutions)", copies of which are available in Parliament Library. The areas carved out of these districts and merged with other districts continue to be treated as industrially backward

(e) Details, such as name and address of the undertaking, location (including the name of the district), item(s) of manufacture and capacity etc., in respect of all industrial licences issued are being published by the Indian Investment Centre in their "Monthly Newsletter' Copies of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

Bajaj Scooters

917 SHRI S S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a heavy demand for Bajaj Scooters in the country as on 31-7-1987,

(b) if so, the details of booking in the country as on 31st July, 1987;

(c) the number of scooters which have been delivered by the dealers till 31st July, 1987;

(d) the production of scooters during the last three years; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken for easy delivery of these scooters with their installed licensed capacity of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY